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29. (New) The collaborative computer system of claim 28, wherein the control server is further configured to send the image to the attendee client in response to receiving the image request message.

30. (New) The collaborative computer system of claim 27, wherein the control server is further configured to save the image received from the presenter client in a data file.

REMARKS

§ 103 Claim rejections:

Paragraph 4 of the Action rejects claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Salesky in view of Scherpbier. Applicant has canceled claims 8, 14, and 17-24 thereby rendering the rejection moot as to these claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection as to these claims be withdrawn. Applicant notes, however, that the claims were canceled without prejudice and, therefore, reserves the right to claim any patentable subject matter that may be contained in claims 8, 14, and 17-24 at a later time.

With regard to claims 1-7, 9-13, 15, and 16, applicant respectfully traverse the rejection because Salesky and Scherpbier, alone or in combination, do not teach every element of claims 1-7, 9-13, 15, and 16 as amended.

Scherpbier is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/726,377, now U.S. Patent No. 5,944, 791 (the '791 patent), and therefore shares the same specification as the '791 patent. As explained in the background section of the present application, the '791 discloses a collaborative computing system that allows a presenter client to guide an attendee client through

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a predetermined set of Web pages and/or images by allowing the presenter client to control the browser of the attendee client (see page 2, lines 2-10).

The system disclosed in the '791 patent, however, does not allow the presenter client to dynamically interject images that are not part of the predetermined set of Web pages and/or images. Such a feature can be important because often it is desirable for the presenter client to be able to display images to the attendee client that are displayed on the presenter client, but that are not part of the predetermined set of Web pages and/or images (see page 2, lines 13-22). Thus, the claims of the present application are directed toward systems and methods that allow for an area to be selected on the display of the presenter client and an image associated with the selected area to be displayed on the attendee client through a control server (see the summary of the invention).

As the Action points out in paragraph 5, Salesky teaches the ability for an area to be selected on the display of the presenter client and for an image associated with the selected area to be displayed on an attendee client through a control server; however, neither Salesky nor Scherpbier teach, for example, the ability for the control server to receive the selected image, compose an address, such as a URL, for the image, transmit the address to the attendee computer, receive an image request from the attendee client that includes the address, and then transmit the image to the attendee client in response to the received image request as was claimed in original claim 8 and 14 of the present application and described in relation to figures 4 and 5.

The action states in paragraph 6 that claims 7-11 and 12-16 are similar in scope to claims 1-6 and, therefore, rejects claims 7-11 and 12-16 for the same reasons that claims 1-6 are rejected. But claims 1-6 did not include a claim with limitations similar to claim 8 or claim 14.

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As explained above, these claims are directed to subject matter that is patentable over the art of record.

With respect to claims 1-6, therefore, claim 1 has been amended to include limitation similar to those of original claim 8. Accordingly, Applicant believes that amended claim 1 is allowable over Saleskey and Scherpbier, alone or in combination, and respectfully requests that the rejection as to amended claim 1 be withdrawn. Further, Applicant submits that claims 2-6 are also allowable, because they depend from claim 1, which is itself allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection as to these claims.

With respect to claims 7 and 9-11, Applicant has canceled claim 8 and amended claim 7 to include limitations similar to those of canceled claim 8. Accordingly, Applicant believes that amended claim 7 is allowable over the art of record and respectfully requests that the rejection as to amended claim 7 be withdrawn. Further, Applicant submits that claims 9-11 are also allowable, because they depend from claim 7, which is itself allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection as to these claims.

With respect to claims 12, 13, 15 and 16, Applicant has canceled claim 14 and amended claim 12 to include limitations similar to those of canceled claim 14. Accordingly, Applicant believes that amended claim 12 is allowable over the art of record and respectfully requests that the rejection as to amended claim 12 be withdrawn. Further, Applicant submits that claims 13, 15, and 16 are also allowable, because they depend from claim 12, which is itself allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection as to these claims.

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PatentMiscellaneous Claim Amendments:

Several miscellaneous claim amendments were necessitated by the amendments described above. For example, the claim dependencies of several claims needed to be updated due to amendments and claim cancellations. Further, Applicant has amended several claims so that they read more clearly. Applicant believes that no new matter was added by these amendments, nor is it believed that the scope of any of the claims was altered by these miscellaneous amendments.

New Claims:

New claim 25 depends from amended claim 1, and includes limitation that were removed from amended claim 1. Therefore, Applicant believes that new claim 25 is supported by the specification and is in condition for allowance.

New claim 26 depends from amended claim 7, and includes limitation that were removed from amended claim 7. Therefore, Applicant believes that new claim 26 is supported by the specification and is in condition for allowance.

The aspects covered by original claims 8 and 14, namely the ability to receive the selected image, compose an address for the image, transmit the address to the attendee computer, receive an image request from the attendee client that includes the address, and then transmit the image to the attendee client in response to the received image request, is carried out by a control server. Therefore, Applicant has added new claims 27-30 directed to a control server configured to implement the above steps. Accordingly, Applicant believes that new claims 27-30 are supported by the specification and are in condition for allowance.

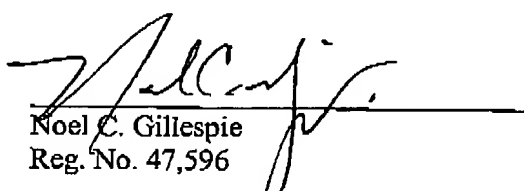
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Patent**CONCLUSION**

Based on the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

After the above Amendments, claims 1-7, 9-13, 15, 16, and 25-30 are still pending in the application. Claims 8, 14, and 17-24 have been canceled. Thus, there are 20 total claims and 4 independent claims pending in the application. Prior to this amendment, there were 24 total claims and 6 independent claims. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due for any of the added claims. Because this response is being mailed within 5 months of the date of the Office Action, the fee for a two months extension is believed due with this response. In any event, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this response to our Deposit Account No. 50-1273.

Respectfully Submitted,
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